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Ms. Cheri T. Holley
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Re: NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE
Administrative Order, Docket No. 86-F0011
DICO's Performance Evaluation Report No. 28, Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System,
Des Moines TCE Site, Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Ms. Holley:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received DICO's modified Performance Evaluation Report No. 28 (Report) on October 16, 2014, followed with the email responses/clarifications from Mr. Gazi. The EPA has reviewed the Report and the email from Mr. Gazi.

The EPA disagrees with DICO's contention, mentioned on page 1 fourth paragraph that the system has reached the stage where it can be eliminated. The EPA has communicated its position to DICO repeatedly through comments provided on past Performance Evaluation Reports. The EPA also would like to point out DICO's consultant agrees with EPA's position in the Report via the statement that can be found on page 3, Section 2.3, last sentence of the paragraph which states: "The contaminant....and indicates continued recovery and plume contaminant is necessary to extract source mass."

The EPA also impresses upon DICO the need to ensure proper and continuous functioning of the system along with its extraction and recovery wells, until such time as the maximum concentration of TCE in groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells on the west side of the Raccoon River is found to be 5 ug/l or less for four consecutive months, as which time only the east extraction wells must be operated. Please refer Section 40 of the above referenced Administrative Order.

Even though EPA accepts Report No. 28, the Agency strongly disagrees with the unfounded conclusion in the Report that the system has reached a stage where it can be eliminated. Accordingly, all EPA's notices, emails, or other records setting forth its position will be placed in its record file along with Dico's Report No. 28. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me at (913) 551-7454.

Sincerely,

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